

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-40 are presented below, with claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 25 pending. As shown below, claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13 and 25 have been amended, and claims 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17-24 and 26-40 have been canceled.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of processing a reception of an order on-line business comprising the steps of:

carrying out processing for receiving an on-line input of order information on specified business from an orderer and processing for obtaining payment certifying information for certifying payment for the order; and

after receiving the order information, supplying the orderer on on-line output ~~of and by~~ displaying on a screen an information indicating that the order has been received, before a result of authorization about the payment certifying information is presented.

2. (Original) A method of processing a reception of an order on on-line business as claimed in claim 1 wherein

the payment certifying information is information for certifying that the payment is made using a credit card.

3. - 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A system for processing business which receives an order on business through a network comprising:

order reception processing means for carrying out processing for receiving an on-line input of order information on specified business from an orderer carried out through the network, and processing for obtaining payment certifying information for certifying payment for the order; and

authorization request processing means for carrying out processing for requesting authorization about the payment certifying information,

the order reception processing means, on receiving the input of the order information, carrying out processing for transmitting information for displaying a screen indicating that the order has been received to the orderer through the network, ~~and the processing for requesting the authorization before a result of authorization about the payment certifying information is presented.~~

6. (Currently Amended) A system for processing business as claimed in claim 5 wherein

the order reception processing means and the authorization request processing means comprise hardware systems different from each other, the order reception processing means comprising a first system, and the authorization request processing means comprising a second system,

the first system comprising means for transmitting the payment certifying information to the second ~~means~~ system, and

the second system comprising means for receiving the payment certifying information from the first system,

a plurality of the second systems are disposed,

the first system further comprises means for selecting a second system to which to  
transmit the payment certifying information, and

the means for selecting the second system selects one second system from the plurality of  
the second systems.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) A system for processing business a claimed in claim 5 wherein the payment certifying information is information for certifying the payment using a credit card.

9. (Original) A system for processing business as claimed in claim 5 wherein the order reception processing means receives the order of purchasing goods as business.

10. - 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A system for processing business which receives an order on business on a Web page comprising:

order reception processing means for carrying out processing for receiving an on-line input of order information on specified business carried out on the Web page, and processing for obtaining payment certifying information for certifying payment for the order; and

authorization request processing means for carrying out processing for requesting authorization about the payment certifying information;-

the order reception processing means, on receiving the input of the order information, carrying out processing for displaying on the Web page information indicating that the order has been received, before a result of authorization about the payment certifying information is presented [and the processing for displaying being carried out separately from the processing for requesting the authorization].

13. (Currently Amended) A system for processing business as claimed in claim 12 wherein  
the order reception processing means and the authorization request processing means comprise hardware systems different from each other, the order reception processing means comprising a first system, and the authorization request processing means comprising a second system,

the first system comprising means for transmitting the payment certifying information to the second means system, and

the second system comprising means for receiving the payment certifying information from the first system

a plurality of the second systems are disposed,

the first system further comprises means for selecting a second system to which to transmit the payment certifying information, and

the means for selecting the second system selects one second system from the plurality of the second systems.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A system for processing business a claimed in claim 12 wherein the payment certifying information is information for certifying the payment using a credit card.

16. (Original) A system for processing business as claimed in claim 12 wherein the order reception processing means receives the order of purchasing goods as business.

17. - 24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A system for processing business which receives an order for purchasing business which receives an order for purchasing goods on a Web page comprising:

a first system comprising:

order reception processing means for carrying out processing for receiving an on-line input of order information on specified business carried out on the Web page, and processing for obtaining payment certifying information for certifying payment for the order;

first authorization request processing means for carrying out processing for requesting an authorization about the payment certifying information; and

payment certifying information transmitting means for transmitting outside payment certifying information corresponding to an authorization request for which the first authorization request processing means does not carry out carries out not processing; and

one or more second systems each comprising:

payment certifying information receiving means for receiving the payment certifying information transmitted from the first system; and

second authorization request processing means for carrying out processing for requesting authorization about the received payment certifying information,  
the order reception processing means, on receiving the input of the order information, carrying out processing for displaying on the Web page information indicating that the order has been received, before a result of authorization about the payment certifying information is presented and the processing for displaying being carried out separately from the processing for requesting the authorization.

26. - 40. (Canceled)